Evaluation of Navodaya Vidyalayas

1171. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any evaluation study has been ordered / undertaken to ascertain the functioning and achievements of Navodaya Vidyalaya scheme since inception;

(b) if so, the details of the outcome; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) It has been proposed in- the programme of Action, 1992 on National Policy of Education, 1986, that a comprehensive review of the Scheme of Navodaya Vidyalaya will be required after Navodaya Vidyalaya have been established and consolidated in all districts of the country. The process of establishing and consolidating Vidyalayas is going on.

Financial assistance for research workshop and seminars

1172. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have extended the financial assistance to the Institute and University for research workshop and seminar in the country;

(b) the names and locations of Institutes and Universities alongwith the amount of financial assistance provided for the year 1996-97; and

(c) the purposes of assistance to each of them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

National Youth Policy

1173. SHRI MOHINDAR SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated the National Youth Policy keeping in view the new changes and challenges with particular reference to the liberalization of Indian Economy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the objectives of the National Youth Policy; and

(d) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) to (d) Sir, a need has been felt to re-formulate the existing National Youth Policy with a view to making it more need-based and action for the same has already been initiated.

Navodaya Schools

1174. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Navodaya Schools currently in existence and their state-wise breakup;

(b) the languages taught in these schools; and

(c) whether care is taken to ensure that students in these schools gain proficiency in their respective mother tongues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) 389 Navodaya Vidyalayas have so far been